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SUBJ: ALLEGED ILL TREATMENT OF AMCITS BY ISRAELI OFFICIALS

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- 1. THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN JERUSALEM CONTACTED THE EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 21 REGARDING THE GROUP OF ARMENIAN AMERICANS MENTIONED IN REFTEL. THE GROUP LEADER AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP HAD CALLED AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND WERE COMPLAINING BITTERLY ABOUT THE TREATMENT WHICH THEY HAD RECEIVED UPON ARRIVAL AT LOD AIRPORT AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM THE CONSULATE SO THAT A SIMILAR OCCURRENCE WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UPON THEIR DEPARTURE FROM ISRAEL. THE CONSULAR OFFICER LISTENED TO THEIR COMPLAINTS AND TRIED TO PACIFY THEM. SHE THEN CALLED THE EMBASSY TO ASK IF WE MIGHT ASSIST IN CONTACTING THE ISRAELI POLICE TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM THEM.
- 2. A CONSULAR OFFICER TELEPHONED THE CHIEF OF THE SPECIAL BRANCH, ISRAEL POLICE HEADQUARTERS, JERUSALEM AND REGISTERED THE COMPLAINT OF THE U.S. CITIZENS. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO INSURE THAT THE GROUP WOULD NOT BE HARRASSED AND WOULD RECEIVE "NORMAL TREATMENT" WHEN THEY DEPARTED FROM LOD AIRPORT.
- 3. THE GROUP DEPARTED FROM LOD AIRPORT ON SEPTEMBER 22 PRESUMABLY WITHOUT INCIDENT.
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4. NORMAL SECURITY MEASURES FOR DEPARTURES FROM LOD AIRPORT ARE VERY STRICT. THEY INCLUDE A MINUTE INSPECTION OF ALL PERSONAL EFFECTS PLUS A BODY FRISK FOR ALL PASSENGERS INCLUDING DIPLOMATS.

 ${\it 5.}~{\it CONGRESSIONAL}~{\it INTEREST}~{\it SENATOR}~{\it FULBRIGHT}.\\ {\it KEATING}$

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